

To whom it may concern,

Jan. 16, 09

My name is Terri Sammers.  
I am a single, working, mother  
of two small children.

I am currently recieving  
state assistance for child care.  
Without state assistance, I  
don't know how I would make ends  
meet. If and/or when state  
funding is cut, I will not be  
able to maintain my current work  
schedule.

To put it all into perspective;  
I would pay \$6<sup>00</sup>/hour for  
childcare, I make \$17<sup>00</sup>/hour  
(before taxes). I would basically  
be working to pay for childcare.

After all is said and done, I  
would be better off at home taking  
care of my own children.

In my opinion, it would force  
a lot of people to depend on  
welfare or foodstamp to survive.  
I mean, if you aren't making  
any money, why would you  
want to work?

It might seem like a drain on our economy now but I believe it will have a greater effect if it wasn't available to people like me. If I can't make money then I can't contribute to our already dwindling economy. More importantly, if people have to quit their jobs because they cannot afford childcare more jobs will be lost by the childcare workers.

Sincerely,

Terrill Simmons

I'm a single mom of two small kids. I work full time to support my family & my kids daily needs on a daily basis.

My hours of work change on a daily day to day basis. To where it would be very hard to pay full daycare. There is simply just no way at all on my own & my kids need their things.

With state help my kids needs are met everyday. I really need state help. All single parents that work hard everyday need this program. They help so much, it's a wonderful program that is very much needed.

Without state the daycares can't provide good quality care that kids need to grow & develop as adults. A child's needs should always be put first & with state help it helps the daycares to meet their goals as a daycare provider & a great place for kids to grow & learn. With the things they have for them to learn my kids have learned so much from this daycare, it's an amazing place for my kids. This daycare meets all the regular means kids need all with the help of state help. Carey King

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My name is Alyson Granger  
I have two boys Trenton and Sean.  
I am a Sean to be x wife My  
husband is in Korea he only sends  
US 500 a month. If I was not  
receving my help I would not  
make it. I really need that help!  
My boys love there daycare they  
love the ladies that take care  
of them they learn so much at  
small world please let us stay  
with the assistance. Thank you  
for taking the time to read  
this it means alot!

Alyson  
Granger

To whom it may concern:

I have been doing childcare for over 18 years and am close to getting my BA Degree in Early Education with a minor in Special needs. I have over 25 thousand dollars in student loans at this time. If the market rate does not go up I am asking myself how I can afford to continue to work as a childcare teacher making minimum wage; a job that I am passionate about. I feel that the earlier you start introducing children to the learning concepts the easier their lives will go throughout their school years. Without an increase in our wages how can we keep teaching the children whom I feel need us the most?

With the wages going up this year three times and not the market rate I do not know how my boss is going to keep our doors open and still be able to take state paid children at the rate we are currently receiving. As it is now, our facility is serving over thirty children whom receive state paid assistance in Richland County out of 51 children. It has been proven that the earlier you introduce children to learning strategies the more they will retain and I feel that state paid children need preschool experiences as well as if not more than higher privileged children, for they do not have the exposure that other children are privileged to have because of their income levels.

So I am asking you to consider finding other areas to cut back on rather than the future of our children and allow them to get the exposures that will help them thrive and receive the same services as the other children in our communities.



JoAnn Schipman

**From:** Sarah

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To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I are foster parents and we currently are caring for 2 boys, ages 2 and 11 months. We both work out of the home 40+ hours a week and we have needed the help of Small World Daycare.

The benefits of having Small World Daycare are that when we get a call for a foster placement I can call them and they can start watching the children for us while we work. They are a great asset to us as they provide many educational and entertaining things for the children to do. They not only watch them but they help nurture them, without there help we would not be able to be foster parents.

If we didn't have the help that we have with daycare it would likely cost us \$1000 + each month and there is no way we could afford that on top of our other bills. We are asking you to reconsider my case and not cut this program out as it is so necessary to those of us who need to work.

Thank you for your consideration, if you have any questions feel free to contact me. Thank you!

Sincerely-

Ryan and Sarah Herman  
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